

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 12-20 are pending in this application, of which Claims 1, 12 and 16-20 are in independent form. Claims 7, 10 and 11 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and will not be mentioned further. Claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 12-20 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12 and 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,774,660 (Brendel et al.), and Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brendel*.

The aspect of the present invention set out in independent Claim 17 is a data processing apparatus which generates a Web page indicating a list of print jobs and status information indicating whether each of the print jobs is waiting or is being performed, and transmits the Web page to a Web browser. In other words, the apparatus according to Claim 17 corresponds (for example) to a Web server providing a Web page including the list of the plurality of print job with the statuses. Accordingly, a user of the apparatus can grasp the status of the print jobs executed in the data processing apparatus using a prevalent web browser on a client terminal.

Brendel relates to a Web server system with a load balancer which performs load balancing among plural Web servers accessed by an address. However, Applicants submit that nothing has been found, or pointed out, in *Brendel* that would teach or suggest a Web page including a list of a plurality of print jobs including status information of the plurality of print jobs. The *Brendel* approach is not concerned with the contents of a Web

page (i.e., a HTML page) provided by the Web server. Accordingly, Claim 17 is believed to be clearly allowable over *Brendel* for at least that reason.

Independent Claim 18 is directed to a data processing apparatus which receives a Web page indicating a list of print jobs and status information indicating whether each of the print jobs is waiting or is being performed, from an image processing apparatus having a Web server function. In other words, the apparatus according to Claim 18 corresponds (for example) to a Web client showing a Web page including the list of the print jobs, with statuses, provided from the Web server. Accordingly, a user of the apparatus can grasp the status of the print jobs using a prevalent web browser on the apparatus.

Claim 18 is believed to be allowable over *Brendel* for at least the same reasons as is Claim 17.

Independent Claims 1 and 19 are apparatus and program-product claims, respectively, corresponding to the method defined in Claim 17. Claim 20 is a program-product claim corresponding to method Claim 18, and independent Claims 12 and 16 are composed by combining elements of Claims 17 and 18. Each of these independent claims is believed to be allowable over *Brendel* for the reasons discussed above.

Applicants note that they filed a Fifth Information Disclosure Statement on February 23, 2004, citing W099/15955A, and trust that the Examiner will forward an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 filed therewith, with the next Action. In the meantime, Applicants submit the following comments on that cited document.

W099/15955A relates to a system in which a Web browser shows a printer queue as a list, as shown in Fig. 4. However, even if W099/15955A teaches showing a print job received from a computer, Applicants submit that nothing in that document would teach or suggest showing information about a print job received from a reader.

In addition to this, Fig. 2 of W099/15955A shows an arrangement of the apparatus 15 performing the print job. The apparatus does not provide a function of Web server. The Web server function is installed in the computer 30 prepared separately from the computer 15. Since the computer 30 and the server software for the Web server must be prepared in addition to the computer 15, the system taught in W099/15955A is expensive and complex in comparison to the various aspects of the present invention set out in the respective independent claims herein.

A review of the other art of record, and W099/15955A, has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and since the remaining claims are all allowable, Applicants respectfully request early passage to issuance of the present application.

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